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MULTISTAGEOUS IDLE-TIME RETRIEVAL MEANS

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Sir:

In response to the *Ex Parte Quayle* action (Paper No. 12) mailed on September 27, 2001, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, following the title, please amend the "Cross-Reference to Related Application" paragraph as follows:

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--This application is a Continuation of Application Number 08/931,655 filed
September 16, 1997, now issued as U.S. Patent No. 5,974,394, which is incorporated herein
by reference.--